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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 12:00 p.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Committee on Communications and Technology was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Brad Jacobsen.

Members present: Representatives Jacobsen, Iden, Glardon, Outman, Price, Barrett, Leutheuser, Tedder, Phelps, Driskell, Chirkun, Greig and Guerra.

Members absent/excused: Representative Franz.

Representative Greig moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Iden moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 995, SB 996, SB 997 and SB 998:

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| SB 995 | (Kowall) | Traffic control; traffic regulation; autonomous driving; allow under certain conditions. |
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| SB 997 | (Warren) | Vehicles; other; mobility research center; provide for. |
| SB 998 | (Horn) | Torts; product liability; motor vehicle mechanics and motor vehicle repair facilities; exempt from liability for repairs to automated motor vehicles. |

Senator Kowall introduced the bills to the committee.

Kirk Steudle, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, testified in support of SB 995, SB 996, SB 997 and SB 998.

Charlie Pryde, representing Ford, testified in support of SB 995, SB 997 and SB 998.

Brian O'Connell, Harry Lightsey, and Jeff Stefan, representing General Motors, testified in support of SB 995, SB 996, SB 997 and SB 998.

Stephen Sinas, representing the Michigan Association for Justice, testified in opposition to SB 995, SB 996, SB 997 and SB 998.

Sean Hammon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of SB 995, SB 996, SB 997 and SB 998.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of SB 995, SB 996, SB 997, and SB 998, but did not wish to speak:

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

David Bertram, representing Michigan State University.

Del Chenault, representing Lyft and Nexter.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ron Barnes, representing Google.

Joe Sproles, representing the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, submitted a testimony card neutral on SB 996, and in support of SB 995, SB 997 and SB 998.

George Cook, representing the Toyota Motor Company, submitted a testimony card neutral on SB 996 and SB 998, and in support of SB 995 and SB 997.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:15 p.m.

Representative Brad Jacobsen, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
September 13, 2016
1 hour 15 minutes